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City food/toy drive guaranteed to benefit Deltona agencies

Nov. 17, 2011—Wondering where our next meal is coming from is something most of us never have to worry about. However, for many Deltona families it's a constant concern.

"We are issuing a call to action to Deltona residents who are able to lend a hand this holiday season. In the spirit of giving, let's get involved and stock the pantries of the agencies and churches here in Deltona...agencies that have had their supplies greatly depleted," said Mayor John Masiarczyk.

The Deltona City Commission has discussed at length the needs of the residents of Deltona and about how to keep what residents give within Deltona, benefiting Deltona families. They are asking everyone to please donate food and/or new and unwrapped toys and help the City make sure that no adult or child goes hungry or without this holiday season.

The collection started yesterday, but will be ongoing until noon, Dec. 16. Food and toys may be taken to Deltona City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.; the Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Drive; Deltona Water, 255 Enterprise Road; Deltona Fire Station 61, 1685 Providence Blvd.; Deltona Fire Station 65, 2983 Howland Blvd.; Wes Crile Park, 1537 Norbert Terrace and the Harris M. Saxon Community Center, 2329 California St. Look for the large holiday boxes in the common areas at these locations.

Deltona agencies and/or churches wishing to receive collected food for distribution to Deltona families must register with the City Manager's Office before Dec. 16. Toys will be given to Students Reach Out. Registration will require proof of the agency's non-profit status, the days and hours of operation of the agency's food bank and the contact information of the person from the agency who will pick up the food on Dec. 16. To register your agency, e-mail jlaborde@deltonafl.gov or call (386) 878-8850.